triennale, exhibitions etc. from time to time. At present no proposal for a separate festival is under consideration of this Department.

Construction of SYL canal

151. SHRIMATI GURCHARAN KAUR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the Supreme Court judgement on the construction of SYL canal; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to resolve the issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) and (b) The Government is aware of the judgement dated the 15th January, 2002 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Original Suit No. 6 of 1996 filed by the State of Haryana regarding completion of the Sutlej Yamuna Link Canal in Punjab portion. The judgement requires the State of Punjab to continue the digging of the canal portion which has not been completed as yet and make the canal functional within one year from the date of the judgement failing which the Union Government is required to get it done through its own agencies as expeditiously as possible.

Construction of dams at the catchment areas

152. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the latest proposals of Brahmaputra Board for harnessing the Brahmaputra Water by constructing dams at the catchment areas;

(b) what decisions have been taken by Government in this regard;

(c) what is the time frame for constructing such dams; and

(d) if the reply to part (b) above be in the negative; what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY) : (a) The Brahmaputra Board is presently investigating the following multipurpose projects for harnessing the water resources of some of the tributaries of the Brahmaputra:—

1. Lohit Multipurpose Project on Lohit river.

2. Dibang Multipurpose Project on Dibang river.

3. Noa Dihing Multipurpose Project on Noa Dihing river.

4. Jiadhal Multipurpose Project on Jiadhal river.

5. Kulsi Multipurpose Project on Kulsi river.

Besides the above, the Board has taken up the execution of the Pagladiya Multipurpose Dam Project on river Pagladiya.

(b) The Government of India are providing Grant-in-aid to the Brahmaputra Board towards survey and investigation works of the above Projects as well as construction of Pagladiya Multipurpose Dam Project.

(c) and (d) The Pagladiya Multipurpose Dam Project is scheduled to be completed in seven (7) years from the date of commencement of the Project *i.e.* January, 2001. As regards construction of other Projects, the decision can be taken only after completion of the Detailed Project Reports.